

Golf Advisory Board Minutes Monday, November 3, 2008

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Castleberry at 7:00.

Attendees

Amy Almond, Duncan Olding, John Silsby, Eric Morrison, Dick McCarthy, Deb Monteiro, and Tim Castleberry.

Todd Goodhue, Ralph Little, Brian McCallen and Tom Kiely were not in attendance.

Meeting with Norris Design

Groton Parks and Recreation retained the services of Norris Design, a national park and recreation planning and design consulting firm, to help perform a community needs assessment as part of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Groton.

The intent of this master plan is to identify our community's unique needs and desires in regard to parks and recreation, so they can proactively plan for the future. The majority of the presentation/group discussion was spent on issues involving only the golf course. The firm was impressed with the Golf Advisory Boards progress in the NGF management study work plan and the board member's dedication to improving the golf course.

Norris Design was extremely interested in the history of both the club house and the golf course and told us they would look into historical grants for the refurbishment of the club house and preserving the Donald Ross Course.

The purpose of this meeting was to assess customer satisfaction, and issues we felt should be addressed in the master plan.

Minutes of October Meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed for changes and or acceptance. Amy Almond made a motion to accept, seconded by Duncan Olding.

Correspondence from GAB Members

This is a new item added that is being added to the monthly agenda. Tim Castleberry opened the discussion with several suggestions from the Men's Club fall meeting. It was requested that the golf membership payment go back to the previous schedule from April to March in lieu of January to December and/or create a payment plan for members similar to the fall membership. If the system can handle the three month fall membership the board felt it could handle the payment plan. John Silsby asked for a written proposal which Tim Castleberry volunteered to work on.

Review of Monthly Revenue Report

John Silsby reported we were \$5,000 below last year for the month. The course was closed for several days of rain.

CIP Projects Update

Plans are being made to renovate the 12th hole tee box and cart path. The length will be shortened and a cart path will be behind the tee and continue up along the fence. An original trap will be put back on the top upper left hand side of the green.

No new report on the cart-wash rack, bids to be reviewed.

Future Directions of GAB Meetings

A revised meeting calendar was distributed for review and will be voted on at the December meeting.

GAB Listed On Shennygolf.com

Timmy Castleberry and Duncan Olding's email will be posted on the website as a point of contact to the board.

Renovation of locker room

The board cannot prepare a written proposal to the Town Manager until the back room is completely cleaned out so we know exactly what we are dealing with. Amy Almond asked John Silsby and Eric Morrisson to remove the championship boards from the back room for safe keeping while the restaurant cleared the room.

Amy Almond and Tom Kiely still want to continue to push for the renovation of these boards

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Monday, December 1, 2008.

Amy Almond Made a motion to adjourn. Duncan Olding seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Minutes have been approved and accepted.

Signature *Amy Almond*

Date *12-1-08*